

EXHIBIT A

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying a candidate beta catenin pathway modulating agent, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing an assay system comprising a uridine phosphorylase (UP) polypeptide or nucleic acid;
 - (b) contacting the assay system with a candidate test agent under conditions whereby, but for the presence of the test agent, the system provides a reference activity; and
 - (c) detecting a test agent-biased activity of the assay system, wherein a difference between the test agent-biased activity and the reference activity identifies the test agent as a candidate beta catenin pathway modulating agent.
2. - 7. (Canceled)
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the assay system includes an expression assay comprising a UP nucleic acid and the candidate test agent is a nucleic acid modulator.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the nucleic acid modulator is an antisense oligomer.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the nucleic acid modulator is a phosphothioate morpholino oligomer (PMO).
11. - 25. (Canceled)
26. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein the nucleic acid modulator is an siRNA.